





Schooner John C. Smith August 4<sup>th</sup> 1851  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1851

At 8<sup>th</sup> M got underway in company with the Schooner Marcia found John Williams and John Jones had run away Joseph Briggs and John Allen came onboard in their place William Atwood came onboard in the place of Dudley & Chout that was sent onboard of Marcia at 12 M discharged the Pilot off Montauk So Ends the wind N E  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug

The first part fresh gale from N E with rain and fog steering S E at six P.M. every thing snug sail took reefed middle part the wind moderated and veered to N. latter part light airs and calms So Ends Marcia in sight Obs Latt 40. 37 N Long by Chron 71° 00' West  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light airs from N. went onboard the M middle part light airs latter calm and foggy So Ends Employed stowing Anchors and chains Obs Latt 40° 49' Long by Chron 70° 21' West

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

The first and middle light baffling airs from various quarters latter part light baffling airs from westward employed fitting a Boat built the Squaresail & wind onboard of the Marcia saw several Sails Lats Course 6. S. E. So Ends Obs Latt 40 14 N Long by Chron 70 09 West

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Friday 8 Aug 1851

The first part light airs from S.W.

Middle and latter strong breeze steering E by S. P. S.  
employed fitting a Boat. Ic saw the M. Obs Latt 39.56  
Long by Chron 66.45 W.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

The first part fresh breeze from W. S. W.  
middle part strong breeze and squalls with Thunder and  
Lightning Schooner under shorts sail latter part strong  
breeze steering E. S. E. So Ends Spoke the M.  
Obs Latt 39.38 N  
Long by Chron 64.11 W.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

The first part strong breeze from S.W.  
middle part strong breeze with many squalls latter  
strong baffling winds from N to N.W. course E.S.E.  
Spoke the M. So Ends Obs Latt 38.56 N Long by C. 60.24 W.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

The first part light airs from W. N. W. middle part  
light breeze from W. latter fresh breeze from N. S. E. found  
the fib. stay badly chafed refitted it and set it up  
Schooners course E. The M. in sight So Ends Obs Latt 39.40  
Long by Chron 56.56 W.

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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1851

The first part light breeze from N.N.E. Middle part light breeze from N latter fresh breeze from N.W. steering E by S. at 8 AM saw the reck of a small vessel bottom up saw two Sails gained with the Maria So Ends Obs Latt 39.44 Long by Chro 53.52 W.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

The first part fresh breeze from N.W. Middle part from N.E. latter strong breeze from N steering E by S. S gained with the M. So Ends Obs Latt 39.44 Long by Chro 50.22

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

The first part fresh breeze from N.W. Middle part the wind N latter part light from N.W. steering E by S. S run through side rips saw two sails steering westward So Ends saw the M. Obs Latt 39.45 N Long by 58.25 W.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

The first part fresh breeze from the westward run through strong side rips Middle part calm and a heavy sea latter light breeze from S.W. soed for blackfish without success saw the M. Course E by N S So Ends Obs Latt 39.52 Long by 58.40

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1851

Begins with a light breeze from S. S.W. at 4 P.M. the wind increased middle part strong gale with rain Thunder and Lightning Schooner under double reefs latter the gale S.W. the gale continuous Course S.E. Lat by Obs 38.45 Long 45° 00' W

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Through out strong gale with Thunder and Lightning and rain squalls (est) 4 P.M. spoke the Bark Marie of Cherbeaux France with her three boymast gone hanging by the rigging Course S.E. by S. Lat 40.30 Long by Obs 43.16 West

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a strong gale from S.W. at 8 A.M. the wind died away and veered to N. sudden middle light breeze to the light airs from N.W. steering S.E. by E. Obs Lat 40.29 N Long by Obs 40.15 W

Tuesday 19

Begins with a light breeze from N.W. W. at 4 P.M. spoke the Erreald of N.B. 28. days out clear having seen sperm whales for two days was cruising middle part Calm at 4 P.M. a breeze sprang up from S.W. ends with a fresh breeze Course S.E. by E. the M in sight Obs Lat 40.10 N Long by 37.36 by Lunar 17.13 West

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Throughout S. W. winds first part fresh middle and latter light Steaming S. E. by E. latter part broke out the fore hole So Ends saw the M. Obs Batt 39.44 Long by 65.21

Thursday 21

Throughout fresh breeze from S. W. Steaming S. E. by E gained with the M. saw one Sail So Ends Obs Batt 39.30 Long by Chro 32° 12' N.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Begins with a light breeze from S. W. at 1 P.M. raised the Island of Flores bearing S. S. E. 40 miles Dist saw two Barks at sunset hove to of the ~~west~~ side of the Island at 11 P.M. the wind veered to N. latter part run off for the Island the wind baffling with rain squalls and a heavy sea So Ends

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Begins with a light air from W. to N. W. standing in for between the ~~Land~~ Islands at 3 P.M. was forced to lose a boat to tow in of a heavy sea setting us towards the Land at 5 took a light breeze from N. shaped our course for Fayall remainder light airs from N. steering S. S. E. the M. in company So Ends

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1851

Begins with light airs and Calms at 5 P.M. Capt. Smith of the Bk Mary Gardner of S. O. came on board at sunset went back with him brought some Sots for Boat Sails Middle light airs and Calms found Louis Sots incapable of doing his duty turned him forward took John Atkin in his place latter part light airs from southward. So ends the M in sight Obs P.M. 34.15 Long 90.08

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Throughout light airs from S. with Calms, the M in sight

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Throughout fresh breeze from S. W. at 4 P.M. raised the land at 6 P.M. landed on the N. side with Capt. Church got 6 men & a boy Joseph Briggs run away at 12 M came off steered for St George

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a strong breeze from S. W. at 5 P.M. spoke the Clements of N.Y. went on board got some Boat Buckets, Lantern key &c Horace Atwood got drunk with John Sullivan and would not obey orders middle part baffling winds with heavy squalls with lightning latter part light airs went on board of the Clements got a Bobstay

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Throughout light airs from S. E. working up between the Is. Is. at 8 A.M. a boat with the Port Capt. came off went on shore got 5 men and left three having one more than the complement unintentionally middle part working up for Teneria latter saw a large sperm whale going S. E. quick so ends the M in sight

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1851

Throughout moderate breeze from S.E. at 8 come off with the men and bore up for Terceira latter saw a large Sperm Whale going quick, S.E. So Ends the M in Company

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Throughout light airs from S.E.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

Throughout light airs at 1 P.M. bore to off Angra. S. went inshore but could do nothing at 6 returned lay off and on through the night at 8 a.m. went in again So Ends

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1851.

Throughout light baffling airs from S.E. Course S by W got four recruits I proceeded on the voyage

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Throughout light baffling winds from eastward steering by the wind at 12 on the Island of St Michael bore S.E. dist 25 Miles the M in sight

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

The first part light airs from S.E. Middle & latter fresh breeze from N steering S by W the M in sight Obs Satt 36.17 N Longly 6.23.26

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Throughout fresh breeze from N Course S by N w saw two Sails the M in sight So Ends Obs Satt 34.36 N Longly 6.25.24.11

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1851

Throughout light airs from N steering S by W. N. under easy  
sail waiting for the M. Saw two sail Obs Latt 33.18 N Long by E 25.29

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

The first part light airs from N Course S by W N. Middle light airs  
I from S.E. latter fresh breeze from S. the M in sight Obs Latt 32.47 Long by E 25.49

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Throughout light-baffling airs. Obs Latt 32.06 Long by E 26.05 N

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Throughout the same Obs Latt 31.24 N Long by E 26.04 N

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Throughout light airs from N steering S by W the M in  
sight hull down So Ends. Obs Latt 30.39 N Long by E 25.59

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Throughout light airs from N steering S by W the  
M in sight So Ends. Obs Latt 29.18 Long by E 25.46 N

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Begins with light breeze from N.W. Middle light breeze from  
N with rain squalls latter fresh breeze from N.W. the M in

sight saw one other sail Obs Latt 27.98 N Long by E 25.24

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> The first and middle light com. N.W. latter light  
breeze from S.W. steering by the wind the M out of sight  
astern So Ends. Obs Latt 26.31 North Long by E 25.02 N

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Begins with light air from S.W. middle and latter  
light airs from N. steering S.S.W. the M in sight  
astern So Ends. Obs Latt 24.36 N Long by E 24.42 N

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Throughout light airs and calms gained with the M  
So Ends Obs Latt 24.24 N Long by E 24.49 N

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh trades from N.E. Course S.S.W  
the M in sight Obs Latt 21.54 S Long by E 25.04 N

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Throughout, fresh N.E. Trades Course S.S. 11. the Maria  
in sight. So Ends Obs Latt. 19. 04, N Long by Chro 25.21 West  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh Trades steering S.S.W. at 10 AM  
raised the Isle of St Anthony bearing S by East 18 miles. Dist  
found the Chro. had gained 24 Sec, on her rate So Ends  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> The first part light baffling airs from various quarters  
latter fresh Trades course S the M in sight Latt 13.50 Long 25.03 W  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Begins with fresh breeze from E N E middle light latter  
fresh breeze from the same quarter at 9 AM raised the Isle of  
Bravo bearing S.E. 20 miles Dist the M in sight So Ends  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Begins with light airs from E.S.E. lored for Black  
fish struck and drawn Middle light airs from E with rain  
squalls latter light airs exchanged Coulers with an English  
Brig the M in sight Obs Latt 13°48' North Long by Chro 24.25 W  
Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> Throughout light airs from the Northward at 5 P.M.  
lost sight of the M saw one sail. Course S. So Ends  
Monday 22<sup>th</sup> Throughout Obs Latt 12.50 N Long by Chro 24.14  
light breeze from N steering S Middle  
squally the M in sight Obs Latt. 11°24' N Long by Chro 23.50 W  
Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> The first part light airs from N Course S. Middle squa  
latter light airs from S. saw two sail but nothing of the M So Ends  
Obs Latt. 11.00 N Long by Chro 23.40

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1857

The first part light breeze from S Course

Middle fresh breeze from W. latter light airs from S.W. with  
much rain saw nothing of the M. No Obs

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Begins with light airs from S.W. Middle light from N.  
latter light breeze from N with squalls Course S. by E.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Throughout

Obs Latt 8. 59 Long by 6. 22, 29 W.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S clearing S. by E. So Ends

Obs Latt 7.44 Long by 6.21, 29 W.

Begins with light fresh breeze from S.W. starting  
by the wind middle light breeze latter light airs from S with  
much rain No Obs

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> The first and middle parts dead calm with a  
heavy swell from S. all sail in at 5 AM took a light air  
made sail latter light airs from N. with steady rain at 10 AM  
raised sperm whales alongside towed and struck at 12 NOON took  
took one along side Obs Latt 6.15 Long by 6.21 20.30

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Throughout light breeze fresh N.W. the first  
part employed fitting cutting gear lay by through the  
night latter rain steadily cut the whale

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Begins with light air from S.W. put the Blubber in Casks  
latter middle fresh breeze with heavy squalls from S.W.

latter part fresh breeze from N with a very heavy southerly swell  
at 10 AM carried away fill on boat stays have to be repaired when the deck rope  
of the Bowsail parted and split the sail across the foot So Ends  
steady rain

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1851

Throughout light airs and calms

with a heavy swell repaired the Stays & latter part employed

Mincing Blubber saw one Sail So Ends Obs Latt 5.55 Long by 8 18.39 N

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Begins with calm at 4 P.M took a light breeze from S.E.

Middle part light breeze at 4 P.M veered to S. latter fresh breeze  
with a rough sea on different Sacks employed Mincing saw two Sails

Latitude 5° 15' N Long by Chro 18° 38' 16"

Throughout strong breeze from S. on the eastern tack  
employed reefing Foresail So Ends Latt by Obs 5° 17' Long by Alt 16.26

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Throughout the same repaired Main sail & Flying Jib

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Throughout Latt by Alt 5.07 Long by Alt 15.00

Throughout strong breeze from the southward steering by the  
wind Eastward at 11<sup>th</sup> A.M carried the Bob & Jib Stays again So Ends  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Obs Latt 4.47 N Long by Chro 13.42 West

Throughout strong breeze from southward the first part heading  
eastward repaired the Bob and Jib Stays as well as we could middle &  
latter heading westward carried the Martingale Stay lashed it together  
and set it up So Ends Obs Latt 4.35 N Long by Chro 13.11 W

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh breeze from southward heading westward  
on a wind So Ends saw one Sail Obs Latt 4° 25' N Long by Chro 15° 17' W

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh breeze from the southward the first part  
westward Middle and latter heading eastward saw two Sails heading  
the same way So Ends Obs Latt 4° 02' N Long by Chro 13 55 West

Schooner John E Smith Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1851

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh breeze from southward the first part on the Eastern Jack Middle and latter on the other Squally throughout saw one sail Obs Latt. 3° 32' North Long by L. 14° 28'

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Throughout the same on different Jack Obs L. 3 06' L. by L. 15.35'

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh breeze from S on the western Jack saw one sail So Ends Obs Latt 2.43 N Long by L. 16 44'

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> The first part light breeze hove to and repair the Belay again Middle and fresh breeze from S heading W.S.W.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> So Ends Obs Latt 2° 11' N Long by L. 17.45'

Throughout fresh breeze from S heading to SW

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> So Ends Obs Latt 1° 27' N Long by L. 19.17'

Throughout fresh breeze from S.E. steering S.E. So Ends

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Obs Latt. 0. 28 North Long by Obs 20.13 N.

Throughout fresh S.E. trades course S by E Obs Latt 0 25 North Long 20.49'

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Throughout the same So Ends Obs Latt 1 40 S Long by L. 21 48 16'

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Fresh trades throughout Latt 3. 19 S Long by Obs 22 16 16'

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Fresh trades continues steering S.S.W. Latt 4.55 S Long 22. 56 16'

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> The same steering S by W. Obs Latt 6. 38 S Long by 23 00 W

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh trades from S.S.E. saw two sails Obs S. 8 08. L. 23.27'

Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh trades from S.E. course S.S.W. Obs Latt 9 58 Long 23.58'

Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> The first & Middle fresh trades from S.E. latter from E.S.E. steering S. So Ends Obs Latt 11.38 S. Long by L. 24.02 W

Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> Throughout fresh breeze from eastward steering S by E N E saw one sail Obs Latt 13.00 S. Long by L. 23 33 14'

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1857

Throughout light breeze from E.N.E. steering

S by E. in E. saw one Sail Obs Latt 14.18 South Long by E. 22.40 West

Saturday 25

Throughout the same steering S by E. Obs Latt 15.30 S Long by 22.00

Sunday 26

Throughout light breeze from N.E. Obs Latt 17.14 Long 21.36 West

Monday 27 Throughout the same Obs Latt. 18.45 S Long by E. 21.00 W

Tuesday 28 First and Middle parts light airs and calms latter part

fresh breeze from S steering by the wind no Obs 18.36 Long 20.48

Wednesday 29 Throughout light breeze from eastward steering S saw one  
Sail so Ends Obs Latt 20.50 South Long by E. 20.36 West

Thursday 30 Throughout light breeze from S.E. by S. steering by wind

saw two Sails so Ends Obs Latt 22.00 S Long by E. 20.49 West

Friday 31 Throughout fresh breeze from S.S.E steering by the wind. S S W

Saturday 1 November So Ends Obs Latt 23.15 S Long by E. 21.41 W

Sunday 2<sup>o</sup> The first fresh breeze from S.S.E Middle and latter from S.E  
steering S by W. so Ends Obs Latt 25.15 S Long by E. 21.43 W

Throughout light breeze from N.E. to N steering S by E so Ends

Monday 3<sup>o</sup> Saw one Sail Obs Latt 26.30 S Long by E. 21.16

Throughout light breeze from S.S.E to N.N.W steering S by E.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Saw one Sail Obs Latt 27.44 S. Long by E. 20.30 W

Throughout light airs and rain squalls from S.S.E to N.N.W.  
steering S by E. saw one Sail so Ends

Latt by E. 28.30 S Long 20.30 W

Sch. John E Smith November 1851  
Wednesday 5 November 1851

Throughout light airs with rain squalls  
from the Northward bearing S by E N E Obs Batt 28.22 L 18.50 N  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Through strong breeze from E. bearing S by S So Ends  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Obs Batt 31.41 S Long by Obs 18.00 N  
Throughout strong gale from E N E to N E bearing S S E  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> So Ends Obs Batt 34.21 S Long by L 17.05 N  
Throughout strong gale from N E to N N E bearing S E  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> So Ends Obs 36.25 S Long by Obs 14.25 N  
Throughout strong gale from N with fog and rain at 6 P.M  
Spoke the B K Black Eagle of S H Clean, middle part steered  
E by S. latter part steering S E. N S. at 12 M raised Tistan Da  
Akunka bearing E. by S 5 miles Dist so ends Obsd 37.08 Long  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Begins with a strong gale with heavy squalls from N W rain down  
past the Isk found the Obs 2 minutes to slow middle and  
latter strong gale with rain from N W. Course S S E So Ends  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Obs Batt 37.40 Long 8.43 N  
Begins with a strong gale from N W steering E. S. E. at 7 P.M  
the rain ceased to 10 and dropt off sudden middle part calm &  
a rough sea all sail in batt light airs from S E. at 10 made  
sail so ends Obs Batt 37.38 S Long by Obs 8.10 N

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1851

Begins with a light air from E at 4 P.M. it veered to N.E.  
steering S.E. by E. Middle light baffling winds from westward carried away  
the Fore Gaff latter part light breeze from S.W. fitted a new Gaff  
So Ends Obs Lat 38.11 S Long by Chron 6.48 West

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.E. steering S.E. by S. Middle fresh  
gale with squalls latter fresh breeze Obs Lat 38.38. Long by Chron 3. 24 West

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light airs from N Middle light baffling airs and Calms  
So Ends Obs Lat 38.54 S Long by Aids 3. 00 West

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light baffling airs and Calms at 9 P.M. took  
a breeze from S at 4 it increases with black clouds and sharp  
Lightning doubled up Mainsail took in the Flying jib Middle part  
strong gale with rain course E by S. at 12 M carried the Flying jib  
stay fastening and the Back rope fastening Obs Lat 36.52 S Long by 6.22 W

I have come to the conclusion that it is unsafe to pass the Cape in the  
situation that we are in at present so I have made up my mind to stop  
there and get the necessary work done. I suppose that there will be some  
that will say it is unnecessary but I shall consider the present circumstan-  
ces allow myself to be the best judge for I believe that it is not possible for  
me to ~~ever~~ <sup>as</sup> see the Boomsprit and fit boom situated as I am I know  
that we are losing oil every day that we are detained but I fear that  
we should never get there if we did not secure our bad Gear

Wch, from E Smith November 1857.

Sunday 16 Nov. Begins with a fresh gale from S.S. W. bear  
how to repairing head gear not being able to do it properly we  
sawed it as best we could and bore away for the Cape Course  
E. middle part strong breeze from S. latter calm and a heavy

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> P. Sea So Ends Obs Latt 36. 09 S Long by E. 1. 13 East.

The first part calm with a heavy sea middle fresh breeze from  
N.E. latter part strong gale from N.N.E. steering E.S.E. double reefed  
Sails split the fore sail So Ends Satt by Oct 36. 20 Long 3. 40 East.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a strong gale from N.N.E. veering to N. how to  
from 1. N.E. to 3. (being a heavy sea) for fear of carrying away the  
head gear. saw a large B. K. steering about S.E. Middle light  
breeze from N.W. with a heavy sea from N.N.E. latter part light  
breeze from N.E.W. steering E by S. S. Satt by Oct 36. 30 Long 5. 00 East.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Throughout light breeze from N.W. to N.N.W. steering  
E by S. S. Satt by Oct 36. 22 Long by E. 6. 49 East.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

The first part light breeze from N.N.W. middle strong from  
N. latter part fresh gale steering E by S. S. S. Sails reefed  
So Ends saw whale fin Obs Latt by Oct 36. 12 Long 10. 10 E

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1854

Begins with a strong gale from N. at 4 P.M. it veered to N.N.W. at 8 to S.W. having a very sea hove to under double Foresail and Jib sail Middle heavy gale from N.W. to W. with a very rough sea at 8 A.M. carried the jibboom away hauled it in and kept off under Squaresail having split the Foresail latter strong gale with squalls Course E by S. Lat 35.48 Long 11.156









